of personnel of para-military forces is also reviewed by Government of India from time to time.

Introduction of 'Service Area Concept' for Commercial Banks

1629. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce 'Service Area Concept' (SAC) for commercial banks from the beginning of the next financial year;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the total number of branches of commercial banks opened so far all over the country; and

(d) how the Branch Managers of commercial banks will be responsible for drawing up credit plan in the villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) Under the Service Area Approach on an average a group of 15-25 villages would be allotted to a rural and semi-urban bank branch with a view to bring about an orderly and planned disbursement of credit. Under this approach, each Manager of allottee branch will conduct a survey of the allotted villages and will prepare village profiles indicating the types of activities carried on in their service area. On the basis of village profiles, branches will prepare Annual Credit Plans for lending for different identified activities, keeping in view the infrastructural and other facilities available and proposed to be created.

(c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as at the end of December, 1988, 55959, branches of scheduled commercial banks were functioning in the country.

Application of M/s. Pepsico under 100 per cent Export Oriented Unit Scheme

1630. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to refer to the news-item captioned 'Pepsico applies for EPZ unit which appeared in the 'Economic Times' of the 11th February, 1989 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pepsico has applied under the 100 per cent Export Oriented Unit Scheme;

(b) if so, whether it is consistent with the concept and philosophy of 100 per cent Export Oriented Units; and

(c) whether it is the policy of Government to encourage such low technology and low capital intensive units in the Export Processing Zones?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (c) M|s. Pepsico India Holdings Inc., New York have applied to the Government to establish a project under the scheme of 100 per cent Export Oriented Units for the manufacture of propriety compound preparations used in the manufacture of non-alcoholic beverages at a location of Punjab. The application is under the consideration of the Board within the scope of the 100 per cent Export Oriented Unit Scheme.

Foreign Owned Companies under 100 per cent Export Oriented Units Scheme

1631. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a the number of foreign owned companies under 100 per cent Export Oriented Units Scheme allowed to sell 25 per cent of their products in the domestic market; and

(b) the names of companies and the products being made by them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) No foreign owned companies has been granted appoval so far under REP Circular No. 17/88 dated 2-5-88 for sale of products in the Domestic Tariff Area (DTA).

(b) Does not arise.

Storage facility for cotton

1632. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any facility for storage of cotton by the textile mills in their godowns has been announced by the Cotton Corporation of India;

(b) if so what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether this scheme is applicable only for NTC and State-run mills or for private mills also?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached. (*See* below).

(c) The scheme is applicable to all textile mills.

Statement

1. The Corporation will extend godown storage facility to all Textile Mills who agree to the terms and conditions the salient features of which are detailed below:—

(i) Cotion bales will be despatched on the basis of the contract finalised and the bales approved/selected.

(ii) 10% of the value of the specific lots plus transportation charges should be paid in advance and only those specific lots earmarked for a particular mill will be despatched to the CCI/Mills Godowns. The 10% advance will be adjusted at the time of delivery.

(iii) The rate of carrying will be 2.5% per month pro-rata on a quarterly basis as per the contract till the bales are paid for and lifted.

(iv) Whether the CCI has no storage facility, the Corporation may agree to store the bales in Mills Godown with lock and key under the custody of CCI and delivery will be made directly against full payment.

(v) The Corporation will arrange transit insurance and Storage Insurance.

(vi) All expenses in loading/unloading at the spot, freight, unloading/loading at destination and in the godown etc., will be on mills account.

2. The Corporation does not charge any interest under the Scheme, except the carrying charges as mentioned at Point—3 above.

Permission to raise debentures by Maharashtra Government

1633. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government has asked for permission from the Central Government to raise debentures bonds for Maharashtra State Electricity Board; and

(b) if so, what is Central Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration.